U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, San Francisco, CA

Docket No. 00-535; Submitted on the Record; Issued February 23, 2001

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant is entitled to additional reimbursement of third-party expenses related to the work injury of October 7, 1995.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the August 13, 1999 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

Accordingly, the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated August 13, 1999 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC February 23, 2001

> David S. Gerson Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member